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A down fragrance drifts at times Ties hav walling senses. leg is the ritlet of my reymes ment cutters, gusts and grimes To low and fields and fences,

. . . to see as I inhale has persone faint and fleeting. I la landes sloping to a valid - inf shadows series the pale wood flowers from noonday's greeting. the song-the sweet heartached just a pour of thrushes; hear half dreaming, half awake,

apple to a streamlet break The r hagin ntary hushes. why dear heart, de I to-day. femin d in by court-and alley,

-in bet in haunts of faun and fay! a con my cout I've pinned your spray. If littles-of the valley. -Atlantic Monthly.

CARELLISSNESS IN BUILDING.

An Exil Which Pertains to the Age-Manufacture of Unsound linplements. to United States engineers who are inguiting the results of the earthse in Charleston find that ninethe of the damaged brick buildings been constructed of faulty niaand with careless workmanship. new school house, costing \$20,000, out cly runned for this reason. The condition of things prevails in es generally, and even where no fault in be found with the material it is too such h used, and the structures are cressarny of an un ubstantial charac-

And it is not in the matter of houses done that impereet or stinted work is evinced. The evil is one which pertains to the age and Particularly to this mountry. In the desire to place cheap all kinds on the market the imit of true economy and prudence is left far behind. The clothing which the great majority of people buy is poor stuff. It fooks well at first, but soon tades, comes to pieces, or wears out. It takes about three suits to do the ligitinate service of one good one. A large mount of shabby gentility, so far as incarance go, is the consequence, and contrasts unfavorably with the stout and appropriate garments used by the masses in Europe or by the people of a generation ago anywhere.

The unsound manufacture extends to agons, agricultural implements, furnimon use. The frequent remark is that is difficult to find any of these things which are up to the old standard of exellence. A lack of confidence in chairs experienced, by heavy people which did not exist some years ago, and good old honsewives mournfully shake their heads at the degeneration of fabrics in which they are interested. Much of this imperfection is attributed to the increased use of machinery, but as machinery is not responsible for the kind of material used, the reason is not adequate. The truth is that there has been wave towards flunsiness and apparent cheapness in houses, clothes, and pretty much everything else, and there is a fair hope that it has about reached its inut and that, under the influence of prevailing experiences, the current will set the other way, as it has already done in some particulars. - New York World.

The Big Cities of Scotlandi am surprised at the many large ities which Scotland has, many of which are comparatively unknown in America. Gasgow is the largest. It has ver 700,000 population and shows the nost growth during late years, I am fold, of any city in Great Britain. It is the third city in the kingdom, and ranks next to London and Manchester. Edinborough is about the size of Cleveland, and may be called the Boston of Scotland. It has 228,000 inhabitants and is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Paisley, the seat of the shawl trade in former times, is a manufacturing center, within seven miles of Glasgow and its population is 60,000. Trains run into Glasgow every two minutes, and as the fare is only 6 pence it may be considered a suburb of Glasgow. Greenock, a little further down the new Clyde, has 60,000 people, and Aberdeen, a university town, has 105,000. Ayr, so noted in the poems of Burns, has 20,000, Dundee has, 140,000, Leith 85,000, and it has twenty-eight other towns which range from 10,000 to 30,000 population. Flank G. Carpenter's letter in Cleve-

land Leader. The Digestibility of Fish.

Fish is generally regarded asea light, easily digested, and nutritious article of patients during convalescence. But every now and lagain the medical fraernity is chagrined at the sudden setfatal relapse follows the "bit of fish" ordered as the proper thing for an invalid's meal. Dr. J. Stuart Nairne, surgeon to the Glasgow Samaritan Hospital for Women, calls attention to the fact-learned by thim through some very listeessing experiences-that it is the cooking and preparation of the fish, and not the fish itself, which is at fault. Boiled fish, friell tish, baked fish, are all inferior in digestibility to steamed fish. Dieting is the half and sometimes the best half of medical treatment, and medical men are but poor doctors if they are hot good rooks. But not all good cooks know that a steamed fish may be, sately and beneficially partaken of when if conteil in any other way it middle a second indigestible plat. -Chuagh Neh

An Unused Volume. The most beautiful volume among the 500, 000 in the congressional library at Washington is a Bible which was tranwhited by a monk in the sixteenth century. It rould not be matched to day in the best printing-office in the world. The parenment is in perfect preservation. Every one of its 1,000 pages is a study. The general lettering is in Gerand tead, each letter perfect, and every ne of them, in coal-black ink, without a scrutch or a blot from lid to lid. At the beginning of each chapter the first etterns very large, usually two or three methes long, and is brightly illuminated in blue or red mk. Within each of these gapitals there is drawn the figure of some samt, or some incident of which the following chapter tells is illustrated. There are two columns on a page, and nowhere is traceable the slightest irregularity of line, space, or formation of

the letters. Even under a magnifying glass they seem flawless. The precious volume is kept under a glass case, which is sometimes lifted to show that all the pages are as perfect as the two which lie open. A fegend relates that a young man who had sinned deeply became a monk and resolved to do penance for his misdeeds. He

determined to copy the Bible, that he might learn every letter of the divine commands which he had violated. Every day for many years he patiently pursued his task, Each letter was wrought with reverence and love; and the penitent soul found its only companionship in the saintly faces which were portrayed on those pages. When the last touch was given to the last letter an old man reverently kissed the page and folded the sheets together. Soon afterward he died.-Chicago Times.

A Semi-Savage African Monarch. A notable man is France's new ally the African monarch Samory. Accord ing to Le Temps he is 45 years old and stands six feet high. He is a half-breed his mother belonging to the tribe of Peul and his father to the Saracolais. He is a good type of the semi-savage, with fla nose, thick lips and protuding jaws His skin is reddish black. He began life as a caravan driver, but displaying great courage in war with a neighboring tribe he became fambus and was elected chief fired by ambition, he set to making conquests on his own account, and event

ually assumed the rank of royalty.

It is estimated that he has conquered no fewer than 157 small states. The frontiers of his kingdom extend from English Gambia to Ashantee on the one side and from the Segon to Sierra Leone on the other. His territory, therefore, is as large as that of the whole of France. His army consists of 60,000 infantry armed with guns, and 5,000 cavalry. Samory is a Mussulman, but not a very fervent believer. He has prohibited intoxicating drinks throughout his empire; he says a drunken man fears neither God nor devil, and is prompt to rebellion. His arms, hands and breast are tattoed. He bathes every day; after his bath he rubs his body with perfumed butter, according to an ancient custom, and paints his eyes so as to make them ppear large and terrible. In time of peace his robes are all white, but in war they are yellow. Samory has a harem of about 100 girls chosen from different parts of his kingdom. When he visits village it is the custom of the local chief to make him presents, including he most beautiful girl in the neighborood.-New York Tribune.

To Men Who Take Vacations. Many middle-aged men who, at the commencement of their autumn holilays, after months of comparative activity, undertake without preparation some feat of Alpine climbing, or a long day's grouse shooting on the moors, lay the foundation of future heart troubles or aneurism, simply because they will not all w time for the concordant action between the heart and the great blood vessels to be established. In all cases where men are suddenly called upon to exchange a sedentary life for one of increased activity, they should consult their medical attendant as to

the condition of their circulatory system. One instance is particularly called to us of a distinguished general practitioner, who had long been troubled with a spasmodic cough, which he thought proceeded from deranged stomach, and which a month among the Alps would soon put right. He started on his journey, but fortunately en route he traveled in the same carriage with a physician who was personally a stranger During the journey the physician was struck with the character of the cough, and after a little conversation an examination of the chest was made, which resulted in the discovery of an aneurism of the transverse aorta which had escaped the patient's notice. Had he made any of his contemplated ascents he would have aggravated the condition, even if the attempt had not led to

mmediate death.-Annals of Hygiene. - Would Make Him Rich. Some years ago John Randolph Tucker went to Gen: Garfield, both being members of the house at the time, to arrange a pair with him on political questions for a few days.

plained, "and I want to run down and give him his start in life." "Very well," replied Gen. Garfield, but don't break yourself. Too much money at the outset spoils a young

"My oldest son is just of age," he ex-

"Money!" exclaimed Mr. Tucker, with an amused expression on his face. "Why, I haven't a red to give him, But if he'll accept it I'll make him rich with good advice."-New York Star.

Five Coaches and an Engine. An old railroad engineer avers that a train of cars consisting of five coaches and an engine is easier to stop in a short food, and as such is often prescribed for distance when high speed is being made than any other. Two coaches and an engine is considered almost too light to stop with ease, and above five coaches ack of such a patient, and occasionally is cumbersome. The happy medium for the engineer rests between two and five. -Pioneer Press.

> Favorite Names in Germany. Max and Paul are the favorite boys' names in Germany, and Anna and Martha the favorite girls' names. One law out of every eight or nine is called Max. Of 4;500 school girls, 538 are called Anna and 455 Martha.

A Fantastic Book. A fantastic something in the way of books is a volume of poems printed in various-sized type on paper of every color of the rainbow, and covered in brown paper tied with a plain string .-Chicago Herald.

Cotton Instead of Wool. The great apostle of woolen clothing, Dr. Jager, has found a rival in Dr. Lahmann, of Stuttgart, who advocates the substitution of cotton for wool, as being less irritating to the skin, cheaper, and

Cotton Batting in Canneries. Cotton Batting is coming into use in our canneries. The batting is used forthe covering of the jar, which should be filled to the neck before the batting is used".-San Bernardino Hour.

Grass of the Waterways, It has been discovered that the heavy grass which encroaches upon the water ways of Canada prevent malaria and diarrhea, and is excellent food for fish Effects of Music.

Music has been found to exert a very perceptible effect upon the respiration and circulation of animals as well as of Military ballooning in Europe has now

reached such a stage that under-offi ers ere being trained in balloon steering. It was once customary in England for a person going abroad "to put out" a certain sum of money on condition of receiving good interest for it on his return

home; if he never returned the deposit

was forfeited. -Boston Budget.

A HAUNTED GODDESS.

the Great Washington Dome. There is said to be a superstition attached to the Goddess of Liberty that stands silently in the dome of the capitol. Though it is not widespread, it is said to be deeply rooted in some minds. Had congress decided to gild the goddess it would perhaps have been found difficult to get any one to undertake the task. It is well known that when the dome was thoroughly painted several years ago the painter who worked about the goddess lost his reason, declaring that she had life, and was possessed of the spirit of the Virgin. At a certain hour in the morning, very near the moment of sunrise, there is one point in the head-dress of the statue that reflects back the light, appearing as a star. It is only for a short time that it can be

seen. Every morning this insnared painter would kneel in front of the capitol and worship the star-crowned goddess as long as the star was visible. Others are said to have come under the influence of this bronz d goddess, and have imagined that she exercised some mysterious power over them. Some imagine, it is said, that should they look too often at the star that shines on her forehead at morn they might suffer the fate of the poor painter.

Aside from any ignormant superstition, the man must have considerable courage who clings to the feet of the goddess. They might anger the dame, or lose their foothold and be hurled into eternity. It has been suggested to the superstitious mind that the man who was found crushed on the roof of the capitol was trying to woo the goddess, who in her anger cast him down. Why should she not be another Aphrodite?

At all events the goddess, or perhaps it is the great height, is apt to turn the head of a man who climbs up there. It is a very dangerous undertaking, and few men have the nerve to attempt it. But the dome has to be painted, and there are thirty painters constantly employed to climb about all over the dome and roof of the building to renew the paint where it is cracked and to clean away the rust. Two or three of these men venture to kneel at the feet of the goddess. Since she is not to be dressed in gold they will not have to venture farther than to her feet. To render this undertaking less dangerous they have bound strong cables tight about her ankles, and they will probably climb up with safety if she doesn't get angry and cast off the cords. From these cables strong scaffolding is being fastened to the white pillars just beneath her feet, which it is the purpose to paint. The dome and all below the goddess will be gone over here and there with the

It takes about 150 men, constantly employed, to carry on the repairs and improvements to the capitol building and grounds. A hundred of these are now being employed on the new terraces. On account of the long session of congress the working season will be very short. It is expected, however, to complete the marble terrace on-each side as far as the beginning of the grand staircase. The work will then have to be postponed on account of the session of congress. It is expected that about three years will be required to complete the whole thing.-Washington Star.

The Art of "Treading Water." Many persons have wondered that all animals seem to possess an instinctive knowledge of swimming, and that man alone lacks this gift. It is not necessary that a person knowing nothing of the art of swimming should drown, if he will depend upon the powers of selfpreservation with which nature has endowed him. The pith of the whole matter is contained in the following paragraphs: When one of the inferior animals takes the water, falls, or is thrown in, it instantly begins to walk as it does when out of water. But when a man who can not "swim" gets into the water, he makes a few spasmodic struggles, throws up his arms, and drowns. The brute, on the other hand, treads water, remains on the surface, and is

virtually insubmergeable. In order, then, to escape drowning, it is necessary to do as the brute does, and that is to tread or walk water. The brute has no advantage as to his relative weight in respect to the water over man: and yet the man perishes while the brute lives. Nevertheless, any man, any woman, any child who can walk on the land may also walk in the water just as readily as the animal does, and that without any prior instruction or drilling whatever. Throw a dog in the water and he treads or walks the water instantly, and there is no imaginable reason why a human being under like circumstances should not do the same. The brute, indeed, walks the water instinctively, whereas man has to be told.

-The Argonaut. The "Science" of Pitching. The most important player in a nine is the pitcher. He has studied the ball so carefully that when cleverly supported by his catcher he is oftentimes invincible. D. spite the teachings of science he can throw a ball in a curve or drop it to the ground at the "plate" just when the batsman has aimed at it at the hight of his belt. To bring about thes results pitchers have various styles of delivering the ball, and it is to transfer these peculiarities to the columns of the newspaper that the photographer's art has been summoned. It is a study not only in base ball, but in science, and as such will prove of benefit to all, whether experts in the national game or strangers to its varied features.-Philadelphia

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